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SUBJECT: GENSCHER--SAUVAGNARQUES TALKS IN PARIS,
JUNE 13

1. MFA .DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY

LAUTENSCHLAGER BRIEFED ECON/COMM MINISTER ON JUNE 13

GENSCHER-SAUVAGNARQUES MEETING. THE DISCUSSIONS

COMPRISED A TOUR D'HORIZON OF ISSUES LIKELY

TO BE ON THE AGENDA FOR THE JUNE 24 FOREIGN MINISTERS

COUNCIL, THE JULY 16-17 EUROPEAN COUNCIL, AND THE

SCHMIDT-GISCARD SUMMIT WHICH WILL BE HELD IN BONN AT

THE END OF JULY. THE CHIEF SUBJECTS WERE EC PROSPECTS

IN THE LIGHT OF THE BRITISH REFERENDUM, MEDITERRANEAN

POLICY, PORTUGAL, CSCE, RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY POLICY

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AND OTHER NORTH-SOUTH ISSUES, AND FRENCH VIEWS ON

RESUMING THE PRODUCER-CONSUMER DIALOGUE. LAST SUBJECT
REPORTED BY SEPTEL.

2. LAUTENSCHLAGER, WHO TOOK PART IN THE JUNE 13 TALKS,
INDICATED THAT THE MINISTERS HAD A WIDE-RANGING
REVIEW OF THE STATE OF THE COMMUNITY, BUT THAT LITTLE
IN THE WAY OF SPECIFICS EMERGED. THEY AGREED THAT
THE NEXT STEPS ARE FOR THE BRITISH TO TAKE. THEY
SHOULD LIFT THEIR RESERVE ON MAJORITY VOTING IN THE
COUNCIL, SUPPORT DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN
PARLIAMENT, AND RE-ESTABLISH LABOUR PARTY
PARTICIPATION IN THE PARLIAMENT. ALL THESE MATTERS
WERE LEFT IN ABEYANCE PRIOR TO BRITISH REFERENDUM,
BUT WILL NOW HAVE TO BE PUSHED.

3. IN LAUTENSCHLAGER'S VIEW, THE WEB OF ISSUES
COMPRISING RAW MATERIAL SUPPLY POLICY, TRANSFER OF
RESOURCES AND OTHER ASPECTS OF NORTH-SOUTH RELATIONS
WILL TAKE UP MOST OF THE TIME AT THE JUNE 24 COUNCIL
AS WELL AS THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MEETING.
LAUTENSCHLAGER SEES A STIFF DEBATE SHAPING UP,
PARTICULARLY ON COMMODITY POLICY. WHILE THE FRG IS
STILL ENGAGED IN ITS INTERNAL REVIEW OF THESE ISSUES,
IT IS NOW CLEAR THAT BONN WILL HAVE SERIOUS PROBLEMS
WITH A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS BEING PUT FORTH BY THE
COMMISSION AND OTHER MEMBER STATES.
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